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CHECKING OF INFILTRATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether to check infiltration on the line of control at borders, the sophisticated detection mechanism has been placed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether inspite of installing sophisticated detection mechanism the infiltration during the past few months have been continuing; and

(d) if so, the details of the new strategies to be adopted to keep fool proof check on infiltration across the border?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Electronic surveillance devices such as Unattended Ground Sensors, Battle Field Surveillance Radars, Infra Red Sensors, Long Range Reconnaissance & Observation System and Hand Held Thermal Imagers have been co-opted with the fence to enhance coverage and detection capabilities to check infiltration.

(c) The fence along with the surveillance equipment, has positively enhanced the Army`s ability to detect and intercept terrorists attempting to infiltrate. This has resulted in substantial drop in infiltration.

(d) The current strategy to prevent infiltration is considered adequate and has been successful in reducing infiltration substantially compared to previous years. Constant reassessment of the strategy is undertaken to ensure that infiltration is further minimised.